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#### **CIRCULATION**

Week ending June 3.....

#### THE REMSEN BOARD SLOW. The interstate order forbidding in-

terstate commerce in foods containing saccharin after July 1, has been held up, and is likely to be for some time. ugh the necessity for such a prohibition has for years been recognized. issued, owing to the absence of Secout the trunk full of data which the Remeen board has submitted has been returned to'it for "revision," and it will probably be four months before the "revised" report will be published. Meanwhite, it would be scarcely fair to the manufacturers to prohibit the sale of their goods, would it?

The whole affair has amused scien-

tific circles, for saccharin in foods wag condemned years ago. So con-clusive were the results of investigaions in this country and abroad that Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the reau of chemistry, did not consider it worth while to conduct an independent investigation, but proposed to proceed directly against manufacturers using it in place of sugar. Learning of this fact, they exerted their infinence and had the question referred to the Remsen board, Dr. Ira Remsen, president of the board, being the discoverer of saccharin. Now, after three years of deliberation, that board has ustained Dr. Wiley's position. Up to date the Remsen board, which has cost sand dollars and which now receives an allowance of \$60,000 per annum, has rendered two decisions, one on benzo ate of soda reversing Dr. Wiley and one on saccharin sustaining him.

#### JEFFRIES AND JOHNSON GO ABROAD.

The coronation of King George is calling men of ability and distinction to London from all parts of the earth The great sports, which include the champion pugilists, will all be there and be cordially welcomed by the sporting world, which includes both titled and untitled personages. Jetfries will get there first, but he will not be the figure among them Jack Johnson will be. This colored gentleman will take twenty new suits with him, right from the most fashionable shops in Chicago, and with his present outfit he can make a change twice a Besides his wife and family he takes with him three of his trainers, and it ooks as if he would cut a swath among the well-dressed. It would not he strange if he had an audience with the king before his return, for royalty likes to see the wearers of champion belts-the world's hardest hitters. to be presumed that Jack will give few exhibitions and make a pot of money there; and let us hope that his ed mania is under complete control, so if he ventures out in an automobilhe will not reach a prison instead of his destination. This country is likely to miss Mr. Johnson and his liberal contributions to the public revenues London he will not be in danger of being arrested "because he is a brunette in a blonde town!"

### HOW JEFFERSON CUT A BIG

CHEESE. The making of the great cheese in Minnesota to weigh 100,000 pounds. for exhibition at the state fair this fall, prompts the Richmond Times-Despatch to recall the Cheshire cheese given to President Jefferson in 1802 as a New Year's gift, which weighed 1.235 pounds. It was made by Elder John Leland, a Massachusetts democrat, and it was 48 inches in diameter

and 15 inches through. Mr. Jefferson heartily appreciated the gift, and concluded his speech to those who made the presentation thus: "And now, my reverend and most respected friend, I will, with the consent and in the presence of my cabinet officers, proceed to have this monster cut, and you will take back to your Berkshire home a portion of it that your people may test its richness, and quality, and you will convey to them my heartiest thanks. Tell them never to falter in their princiwhich they have so nobly defended, having bravely and successfully come to the rescue of our be loved country in the time of its deepest and greatest peril. I wish them health and prosperity, and that rivers milk may never cease to abundantly flow into, not only themselves,

but their posterity." This Minnesota cheese is to be about nine times as big as Jefferson's and when cut will have to be cut like the

other is being sued for a diverce.

SCOTCHMEN SEEKING NEW HOMES.

There is a strong tide of immigra-tion setting in from Scotland to this country, in which Scotchmen are in-creasing and doing well. We learn it is estimated from the bookings for passenger steamers sailing from the Clyde that between 40,000 and 56,000 people will leave Scotland this season to seek new homes in North America, an average of over 2,000 a week for the twenty weeks during which the emigrant season continues. In addi-tion, considerable numbers are already booked to travel from Scotland by way of Liverpool, and across to New York or to Canada. What all this means to population, says a writer familiar with he country, can hardly be realized unless one travels through the country districts, the places where farm laborstrong, athletic tradesmen, with here and there a studious youth who looks further than manual labor for a career, are raised. It is these districts which are feeling the drain of young life, and not the large towns. For although 40,000 is not a large proportion of 4,500,000, it must be remembered that the 40,000 are all young and strong, and full of high hopes and fine resolutions, and with their way to make; while the 4,500,000 contain the very young and the very old, the women incapable, and those who require tust the strong arms of those who are leaving them. This is the sad feature of the emigration "boom," as it is called. In many country districts in Scotland the proportion of young men and young women is alarmingly low, and it will be lower still before the,

THE ANNUAL FIRE LOSS.

The great annual fire loss in this country is truly our disgrace, for it amounts to a tax of \$2.50 per capita upon our 95 millions of population. In addition to this 1,500 people lose their lives annually and 6,000 are injured by

In fighting forest fires last year 76 men employed by the government lost their lives, and nearly 5,000,000 acres of national forest land were burned over, an area greater than New Jersey, or Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

The New York Independent, com-menting upon the losses by fire in this country, says.

"The fire losses in the United States during 1910 would pay off the total interest-bearing debt of the country in four years. They would pay for building the Panama canal in two years. They exceed the total cost of the army and navy of the United States for one year, and are greater than the annual expenditure for pensions or the annual cost of the United States postal service."

It certainly seems as if a way should be discovered to reduce this loss at beauties than she. least one-half.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The submarine boats are developing ability to bore a hole through the hull of a ship a third of a mile away.

she does not know when a war is over, A friendly nation may have to inform

A New York masher has been sent to the workhouse for ten days. He was not respectable enough to send to

Happy thought for today. There is one thing certain, the under dog is never the one who objects to inter-

Kansas is in the field for eighteen thousand harvest hands. Kansas always grows more than she can with

After London has set her king to draw a crowd and make millions, what is the use of saying a king does not amount to much.

The last rain put life and weight and dollars into the haycrop of New England and the farmers have broadened

New York is collecting ashes and garbage at night with satisfactory results. This is something that would disturb a sleepy town.

A funny story so agitated a New Yorker the other day that he laughed a rupture into a blood vessel and then for 36 days without repeating, expired. Moderation is always wise.

> New York minister to be wide open on Sunday for all sorts of secular business. Other cities are not far behind

The national capital is said by a

When science gets this old world to running, so no one will have to work, as they say she will in 50 years more, science will be a dead cock in the pit

The most serious charge against the postmaster general is that he was hard-hearted enough to bring the department upon a straight business

A Boston woman and her daughter are going to the interior of Africa to hunt lions, and it looks as if they too, might be lionized before their return home.

The Wisconsin legislature is about to investigate the election of Senator Stephenson, whose success is said to have depended upon a liberal distribution of dough.

J. Pierp. Morgan has been invited to attend the coronation services in Westminster abbey. Men who can write a royal check are recognized by royalty the world over

In a Chicago park there is an octopus on exhibition; and the papers, since he is dead, feel called upon to say that he was not killed by a decision of the supreme court.

There is nobody expecting that Lorimer will come out as white as snow when Brandeis gets through with the and if he should, it will show they had a finer brand of whitewash.

For the Efficiency Engineer.

H. F. Stimson, an "efficiency engineer," testifying before the house committee of labor in Washington, predicts a universal four-hour work day at good wages as the result of "scientific management." Won't it cure a spring cold, too?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Fortunate in His Critics. Ex-Gov. Pennypacker of Pennsylvania is finding fault with Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey. Gov. Wilson appears to be fortunate in his critics.—Chicago Record-Herald.

College Professers do not make bet-ter husbands than other men. AnBecause there is always room at the top some people make it a point to begin there and work down.—Phila-

#### THE MAN WHO TALKS

It is a better habit to contemplate how many good things are done for us than to think how we tax ourselves for the good of others. It is the one way to cultivate an appreclative spirit and to keep in a real happy mood. We are apt to think that what we do for others is a tax when really it is a privilege. Kindliness should be regarded as a joy instead of a burden. It is largely a matter of thought that makes the world what it seems to be to us. Those who think how little they are respected, how badly they are used, that the day of good luck will never return to them, and a thousand and one other things of the same import get into states of depression equivalent to a nightmare and invite misery as a regular companion. They could put their minds to better use—to comforting instead of distressing themselves. The sensible person keeps his mind right, for that in effect is keeping his world bright and cheery.

There are few persons who sympa-thize with the man who claims he has been driven to drink. The man who thinks he is used badly and then proceeds to use himself worse to plugue his tormenters hasn't sense enough to command sympathy or reenough to command sympathy or respect. It is remarkable how much easier this type of a man is driven to drink than he can be driven away from it. When he puts into his mouth that which will steal away his brains to punish someone else, he confesses to being as weak and foolish as it is possible for him to be and still be called a man. It is the only instance known in life where voluntary folly is charged up to a force which really has no existence. As it is worked against a wife and family it is about the season on the evening of May 24, with no cry, snapped up an early June bug within ten feet of my face.

The ruby throated humming birds have arrived and are still on their northward flight. These midgets after wintering in the tropics fly clear to Labrador for summer nesting places and food. It is claimed that some of these little birds winter as far south these little birds winter as far south as Brazil, and if our own little summer visitor winters in Florida, what a flight it is from there to its most northerly limit, a distance of from two thousand to twenty-five hundred iniles. We used to know an aged lady who in her days of invalidism used to decoy these little beauties to her room just as soon as they apeared in the spring, and kept them in great the spring, and kept them in great gauge cages, often giving them the freedom of her room; and in late August she used to open her windows and let them journey with their own to winter in a southern clime. She did this for many seasons and when it came to hird lore, no one knew more about the peculiarities of these tiny

On the 30th of May I noticed the first full-fledged robins of the season on the dablia patch taking lessons in self-reliance and grub hunting. They were pretty creatures with their spot-ted breasts and ringed necks and were hearly as teme as chickens; hence, we kept the cat well stuffed with salmon and had an eye for their protection. Once in a while the mother bird would fly to a bough of the pear tree and give 'he children a treat; and then she would take them down in between the deliver and them the work them. the mother birds be. I do not reber having ever seen full-fledged young robins earlier than this, and it-

The advice a man's wife gives hir is usually sound; and why it should irritate instead of soothe, and benefit him is not easy to understand. If some other woman had said it he would quite likely have complimented her upon her excellent foresight or judgment. There are exceptions to this, of course, for husbands differ this, of course, for husbands differ quite a bit in their opinions of advice and the manner of treating it. Many gard any attempt at wise direction bossing; and miss good things through lack of perception and discrimination. That, however, is no uncommon thing, for I notice that often people when with them. We know we are too. You know what Byron said of us: "Half dust, half deity, alike unfit to sink or soar"

What is the cutworm to the little billion, and in September throws forsooth, there is such an ado over it! them by the trillion! I wish I knew more about grasses; but this prolific grass of which I write is of small account to any one except the man with a hoc. If the leaf of grass is like the leaf of the lily that does not make this grass of any greater integers.

the prettiest plumaged and cutest of native birds, its creaky cries prevents its becoming popular. Naturalists who have studied its habits credit it with the shrewdness of the crow and the ability to pronounce words like a parrot to a limited extent. Not being a good fiyer, it is inclined to walk much more than other birds; and Abbot says: "When the bive jay is alarmed by gunners it will fatten it alarmed by gunners it will fatten it. alarmed by gunners it will flatten itself like a squirrel on a limb, or hide in the oak leaves. It is so fond of eggs that on occasion it is said it will rob other birds nests. The lay is always a pleasing bird to those who have a real fancy for blue as a decorative color.

# THE QUAIL TRAP

Ringnecks Breed-Fussy Hen Grouse-No Nighthawks-Wayside Activities-I'm Tom Tinker's Dog, Who's Dog Are You?

The Quail Trap, June 7, 1911.—A pair of Mongolian pheasants have set up housekeeping on the Valley farm, East Woodstock. The home is ideal in its seclusion, and choice of covers by the side of a rill of pure spring water. The male is rarely out of sight of the sitting hen, is noisy in his demonstrations of alarm and condolence, and makes short, bristling runs towards at intruder like a mother grouse with young. Mr. Eddy has cautioned field-hands and neighbors concerning this pair of pheasants and scatters oats and wheat to help out their usual forage in a dry season. secusion, and choice of covers by the side of a rill of pure spring water. The male is rarely out of sight of the sitting hen, is noisy in his demonstrations of clarm and condolence, and makes short, bristling runs towards an intruder like a mother grouse with young. Mr. Eddy has cautioned field-hands and neighbors concerning this pair of pheisants and scatters outs and wheat to help out their usual forage in a dry season.

A hen grouse with young disputed the right of way, in the public road east of Woodstock lake of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Arnold of Putnam, on Me-morial day. She fussed and fluttered and dragged her wings, and kicked up the dust, till every chick seemed

24, with no cry, snapped up an early June bug within ten feet of my face, and then departed as silently and mysagainst a wife and family it is about as shabby a trick as a man was ever guilty of. As a manifestion of spite it lowers anyone to the level of a dog —a vicious dog at that! The man who drowns sorrow by adding sorrow to sorrow from the cup is closely related to him. It seems as if he and the man driven to drink were designed to sympathize with one another. How any one can sympathize with either is not so easy to cipher out.

June bug within ten feet of my face, and then departed as silently and mysteriously at it came. It was seen on two other farms here that same evening, but has not been seen or heard since and is the first one seen here for two years. Why are there none here and why is it so rare elsewhere in Connecticut? It used to be so common in both eastern counties that early haymakers on every farm found a pair of the iong, marbled eggs, in a a pair of the long, marbled eggs, in a dry spot in a mowing lot where there was no sign of a nest. Three pairs formerly bred on the Bently farm at Sunnyside, two pairs on Cobb furm, Norwich Town, a dozen pairs in Long society, and I once found them breed-ing freel; on Blue, Bashan and McCall hills in Bozrah, around Preston and Avery's pond, at Gardner lake, in Vol-untown, Ledyard, and Westchester. In 1876, when looking up the orchard orioles, herons, warbiers and plovers of Groton Long Point, I found eleven sets of eggs; its disappearance here may be accounted for in part, as the bloody butchers in the Noank Gun club prac-ticed wing shooting on these easily-shot birds. But the restity of night shot birds. But the rarity of night hawks where they were formerly so abundant and noticeable we must attribute to mishaps during migration. Yet, its near relative, the whippoor-Wel, its near relative, the whippoor-will, has increased in some places, and this change can in one sense be called a reversion of species. On the eve-ning of June 2, while driving from Southbridge to North Woodstock, a distance of five miles, the birds were calling every half-mile, and a trio of poorwills were complaining at the door of the Qualf Trap on cur arrival.

The tops of our sprouting peas have been eaten off by belfrey pigeons, but we did not shoot the doves—simply planted more peas. I well and sadiy remember many years ago shooting two or three orioles who nested in the immæmorial Broadway elms because they had stripped a few pods of our sackcloth and ashes for that offense, but if these best-of-all caterpillar eaters should vary their diet with green peas here I would not kill them but would plant three or four rows of sweet Garadus expressly for their well earned dessert. We were tempted to shoot the robins that took our biggest prize strawberries, but had patlence to wait two or three years till my young decoy cherry trees began to bear, when we lost a sackcloth and ashes for that offense, by our game. Never try to bay the moon nor stay out late at night to spoon; stop no auto as a lark, it means a joy-ride for your bark. For spill milk never whine, call for dog bread when you dine; the lives of cats may when you dine; the lives of cats may more right to lodgment with us even for a night to lodgment with us she would take them down in between the dailias and teach them to grub for themselves. Now they run by themselves very much and I was surprised to see one young robin stub his toe and tumble forward just like a toddling infant. If they were more apprehensive it would please me more, for it seems to me that I am worried more for fear they will get hurt than the worker binds he I do not remain the mother binds he I do not remain.

and yellow-throat not common, yello throated chat so abundant throated chat so abundant at the Sound is a rare breeder, and no nesis of orchard oriole found here for several seasons. A fresh flicker's egg was found on the ground by our laundress, and I have picked by one unbroken robin's egg and a lot of empty robin's eggs destroyed by crows. When crows venture too near the tiny Orpinston chicks our pair of kingbirds are crows venture too near the tiny Orpington chicks, our pair of kingbirds are on them quick as a flash. On Memorial day morning our field-worker saw a fox cross a neighbor's garden with a white Plymouth Rock hen in her mouth. This vixen has from eight to eleven whelps underground near by and the inherited tasts for poultry must be catered to and the coops will again be raided. The outdoor world is now teeming with young bird life and nature's incubator is surely being run to its greatest capacity. It is the height of the season, indeed, if we judge by a hencoop close at hand, where there are 35 "setters" out of a possible 36.

so busy breeding, we will look up the record of our canine protectors in the town clerk's new list. There are about as many dogs registered as last year and the money received for licenses and tags about the same. We find that the old favorite breeds of pugs, Newfoundland and mastiffs are going by, and the Spitz has entirely disappeared. Shepherds appear to outnumber all other races as form does. The peared Shepherds appear to outnum-ber all other races as farm dogs. The once favorite pet names of Fido, Carlo, Bruno and Scipio, are rarely used now, Bruno and Scipio, are rarely used now, short and fancier names are the rule. Some of the odd names are Rascal. Ketchup, Tinker, Guess, Racket, Jingo, Togo, Tuffy, Shucks, Uno, Pat, Mike, Mickey, Crusader, Fluffy Ruffles, and Bill Barlow. There are 19 Spots, 17 Jacks, 15 Princes, 9 Rexes, 8 Beauties, and 7 Teddys. A lot of quick, sharp names suggest the trainer and smack of the shooting field: Mark, Flash, Dash, Charge, Fleet, Dan, Don, Tag, Bob, Dick, Clip, Nick, Nip, Flip, Tip, Trip and Grip. The Quali Trap is protected (and distracted) by five dogs, and contributes an original and approand contributes an original and appro-priate name in Twinkle, for whose name and fame we submit the follow-

rame and lame we submit the following prose-rhyme:

Twinkle, Twinkle, little pup, we wonder how you will grow up. Can your aims be very high, with a tail four inches shy? And with ears so "dreffle" short, can you always hold the fort? fort? As every dog must have his day, be a Gelert in the fray; since dogs delight to bark and bite, don't be under-dog in a fight; choose to be a "runner-up," rather than a gutterpup; rarely call a saucy bluff from a vagrant canine tough. There is virtue yet in stones, so dig up no neighbor's Chase no partridge feigning that bird-in-the-bush is not game. Never try to bay the two or three years till my young decoy cherry trees began to bear, when we lost no more berries, for robins prefer poor, blighted, half-ripe cherries to the finest forced strawberries.

We have now recorded owls breeding

## TICKINGS FROM THE OLD CLOCK

Written Specially for the Bulletin.), years ago, for many changes have Complaint has come to my hearing taken place during my residence on and the manner of treating it. Many a bad husband has declined to take a good wife's counsel and when he reached the end of his tether an impracel vision revealed to hin that he would have been wiser and known less trouble and disgrace had he done so. It is a male weakness not to like to be hossed by a woman; and some men re-Complaint has come to my hearing hat I have not been striking as I It is a male weakness not to like to be bossed by a woman; and some men regard any attempt at wise direction law for themselves and another for bossing; and miss good things through lack of perception and discrimination-thing, for I notice that often people things, for I notice that often people themselves are always to athers which

enough to notice the absence of my I do get tired of shouting to them twenty-four times a day from bunch of grass that throws seeds in this height. Who wouldn't? Then, too, May by the million; and then if un-disturbed, throws them in July by the but let me rest my voice a little, and,

grass of any greater interest to the man who meets it as a weed every summer all summer, and hits at it with a spitefulness he would strike at a viper, when he swings his hoe. This is not the grass in which Wait Whitman saw the name of God written as in the corner of a handkerchief; but it may be the very grass a ruralfriend of ours says, "beats the devil," for it seems capable of doing it. It is among the things in neture that grow like a streak, and then some. It is drouth-proof and is as much at home in a dry season as eacti in a desert. It is a good example, for it is never absent from the graden long, is full of business and never complains.

I do not enjoy the fire alarm on the City Hall bell it is very annoving, so lond and so near me! What is the use of it anyway? Only the other day I was informed that one fire chief in a distant city advocated to gether such a crowd of citizens, who proved a hindrame to the firemen in their work of fighting the fire. Although I am so remote from the street, you see most of the news reaches me. I am very much alraid of fire, loo. My downfall would be very apt to come if a lire occurred in the structure below me.

Then I am very timid during thender storms. What if lightning

am very timid to am very timid to am very timid to a lightning to thunder storms. It may not be a new habit for the blue jays to build their nests in trees on city house-lors, or to hang around the closely-settled urban districts; but it is only in recent years they have become the noisy occupants of home-lots in the city of Norwich and this settled urban districts that disaster and was much alarmed when the bricks and become the noisy occupants of home-lots in the city of Norwich and this the closely-settled urban districts; but it is only in retent years they have become the noisy occupants of homelots in the city of Norwich, and this is the first year we have known them to build their nests in pear trees of high growth in town. Although one of which has never been rebuilt. So

peace and comfort build his nest. His dead body it was believed could turn aside thunderbolts; and in France to this day he is called the moth bird because his dead body is believed to preserve woolens from attack by moths. It took Abbot, the Jersey nat-uralist, two years to prove he was un-familiar with its habits when he It is nothing strange to hear or read absurd things about the king-fisher which nests in the banks and fishes along our sticans. Since the most ancient days he has been regarded as a bird of power, so it is not surprising to hear it said he drives away hawks and is a protector of fowl. He was the Halcyon bird of the ancients, and

Union square.

I can remember when a tenement house gave way to the Masonic Temple, when an unsightly ledge of rocks and a tumble-down black-smith shop occupied the present site of the Central Baptist church. was a pleasure to me when the Y. M. C. A, building was erected in my sight, and I feel that Union square is an appropriate name for the open space in front of me. I can look down Broadway and Bath street, both much improved since I first saw them. My view of Church street is much clear er since one or two trees were cut down. I do not like trees. Their branches prevent me from seeing all that happens and hinder people from seeing me, and I am expected to be seen as well as heard. I like their

seen as well as heard. I like their color, and think the ivy a great ornament to the Library, the Masonic temple and Broadway church.

Though I hold my hands in front of my face, I behold a great deal, and then it must be remembered that I have four faces. There I have an advantage over mortals. They can face only one way at a time, and still they find fault with me and say my they find fault with me and say my record of time varies on my different faces. Let them try having four faces, and see whether they would wear the same expression on each. Dishonest, insincere people are said to be two-faced, but four faces seem to square-up matters, and so m reputation for integrity is seldon questioned.

to my experience during my term of life. Only lest week the Grand Army passed by in procession on Memorial Day. I noticed the line of veterans was shorter than formerly, but their sons are banded together to carry on the good work of honor and remembrance for the patriotic dead.

The bell beneath me has three times tolled a knell for the death of

the chief executive of our nation, and even I felt mournful at the sound, which expressed the nation's grief. More expressed the hattons green.
More than one president has reviewed a passing line from a stand directly in my line of vision, and received au ovation of praise and honor from crowds in gala attire. Weary indeed must those people have been when they reached their homes at night, but there had been when they reached their homes at night. they reached their homes at night, but thankful to have been privileged to view the President, whom they all delight to honor, whether he be of their own party or not. Once in office, like the flag, he becomes the country's pride and glory. Why, even I like to look out on "Old Glory" as it floate in the breeze near me, and a feeling of sudness thrills me when I see it at half-staff, for I know that means sadness for someone else.

I enjoy, too, the children who gather in my sight on their way to school

er in my sight on their way to school and wait the ringing of the bell which summons them to the schoolhouse further up the hill. I feel responsible for them, too, for I am told they depend on me for the ringing of that

Feature Picture. "SLAESIDES," Thrilling Indian Story. MISS BESSIE MACK, Soprano.

games of tops and marbles on the pavement below me. Then I can see the newsboys going to the printing of-fice for their bundles of papers to de-The theater, also, has come into existence during my time and often I watch the crowds coming down the

street, custing anxious glances up at my face for fear they may lose the car or train they desire. I want to help them and this as slowly as I can help them and the as slowly as I can to make time for them.

Oh, yes, I try to be helpful, and it I occasionally make a mistake, it is to be hoped a genero/ts, public will remember the good I do, and for that reason excuse the failures. I am sure I am not so often readiss as to reserve much blame, and feel able to continue, my good work at the same old stand for many years to come, for a clock's

my good work at the same our stand for many years to come, for a clock's lifetime is much longer than that of most mortals.

But it is time for me to strike the hour, so I must stop talking and clear my throat for a good striging tone.

AN IDLER.

## SUNDAY MORNING TALK

DROPPING OFF THE BLUESA

The conductor that Monday morning was uncommonly gracious. Not that he is ordinarily a disagrable person but that day he had a smile that did not vanish when the old lady passengers quizzed him minutely concerning the timetable. As he went from seat to seat there was about his bearing that which suggested home. from seat to seat there was about his bearing that which suggested hope, health and cheer. One of the commuters who knew him ventured to say "What's got into you this morning, Ferguson?" To which, he blithely responded: "I've been up in the country over Sundey dropping off the blues. I tell you it's great getting away from the city pascements and blocks. It's made a new man of me." The ruddiness of his complexion, the clearness of his eyes and the ring of courage in the tones of his voice cercourage in the tones of his voice cer-tainly told what 36 hours of the up-lands, along with the breath of the pines and the odor of the clovers had done for him.

But what interested me particularly Free Burning Kinds and Leighh as not so much the transformation was not so much the transformation wrought in the conductor by his Sunday in the country as the figure of speech which he used. "Dropping off the blues" suggests the fact that blues be dropped off as truly and as com-pletely as our clothing after the end of a busy day. They are no true part of the real busy man.

The other suggestion of the figure

f speech is that a change of environ ment is often the most effective way of disposing of the blues. Just to go somewhere else into a different atmosphere often puts to flight melan-choly and all the gloomy fears and loubts that follow in its train.

The most obvious place into which to wend our way especially at this season of the year is some spot in God's beautiful world where our eyes will be pleased with lovely and unfamiliar scenery, our ears by the sound of singing birds or dancing brooks or booming surf, and our whole being refreshed and invigorated by the healrefreshed and invigorate always ing and help which nature always affords to those who will give affords to those who will give affords to those her spell. In J time to express her spell. In if ever we should hear and Wordworth's exhortation: Up, up my friend and quit your books,
Or surely you'll grow double,
Up, up my friend and clear your books,
Why all this toil and trouble.

A man's home too, should be a place where he can drop of the blues. N matter what troubles him at the office or the shop, the moment he comes in sight of his dwelling, "be it ever so humble," his worries should depart not to return till the next morning, and perhaps not to return even then. Moreover, he should help to create such an attractable in his home that the nationary here. over, he should help to create such an atmosphere in his home that the patient, hard-working wife who stays by the stuff all day long shall also look forward to the evening reunion as a "The cares that infest the day Shall fold their tents like the Arabs

And as silently steal away. Not a few people find the church a place where the blues drop off of themselves. The quiet of the sanctuary, its hallowed associations, its inspiring music, the message from the pulpit ought to put flight tormenting thoughts. If the church does not do that for a man, it must be its own fault, or his, or perhaps the fault of both.

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